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Docket No. 1791 CON

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re: Rule 1.53 Continuing Application of: Charles J. Winslow, et al

CON of Serial No.: 08/615,379 Examiner: J. Woo

Filed: July 8, 1997 Group Art Unit: 3309

For: METHOD AND INSTRUMENTATION FOR IMPLANT INSERTION

Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Sir:

1. [x] This is a request for filing a: [X] Continuation [] Divisional application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53, of pending prior application Serial No. 08/615,379 filed on March 14, 1996. This application is being filed in accordance with MPEP § 201.03 which advises "[i]f at least one of the correct inventors has been named in an application, but it is discovered that correction of inventorship is necessary, applicants are advised to consider abandoning the application and the filing of a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53 with the correct inventive entity named".
2. [x] The above-identified parent application, serial no. 08/615,379, in which no payment of issue fee, abandonment of, or termination of proceedings has occurred, is hereby expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this new application so as to make this application copending with said parent application.
3. [x] Transmitted herewith for filing is the [x] utility [] design patent application in this case including:
 - [x] The application consisting of 20 pages (including specification, claims and abstract).
 - [x] 13 sheet(s) of drawings are enclosed. The drawings are:
 - [] formal; or
 - [x] informal; formal drawings will be submitted in due course.
 - [x] A declaration and power of attorney is not enclosed at this time since it has not been executed by the inventors. A signed declaration and power of attorney will be submitted in due course.

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4. [x] The filing fee has been calculated as shown below.

	No. Filed	No. Extra	Rate:	Fee
Basic Fee:				\$ 770.00
Total Claims:	21 - 20 = 1		x \$22.00	22.00
Indep Claims:	5 - 3 = 2		x \$80.00	160.00

[] Multiple Dependent Claims
Presented

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a. [] A check for the amount of _____ to cover the filing fees
is enclosed.

b. [x] Please charge Deposit Account No. 21-0550 in the amount of
\$952.00 to cover the filing fees. TWO DUPLICATE COPIES OF
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5. [x] Amend the specification such that the first line reads as follows:
(entire genealogy should be set forth): --This is a [x]
continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/615,379, filed
March 14, 1996. *Now ABN*

6. [x] For this continuing application and the parent application the
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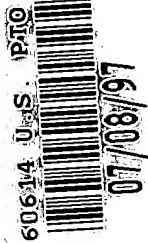
9. [] A petition for extension of time in the parent application is
enclosed so that the parent application will be pending as of the
time this paper is filed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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- ☒ A patent application consisting of 20 pages
of abstract, specification and claims
- ☒ 13 sheets of [] formal [x] informal drawings
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